

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling first and second different books, the method comprising the steps of:

(A) storing a first number of pages;

(B) specifying a first set of pagination information including an indication of whether a stored page is to be selectively included in the first book;

(C) specifying a second set of pagination information including an indication of whether a stored page is to be selectively included in the second book;

(~~C~~) (D) determining whether a stored page is to be assembled into the first book based on the first set of pagination information wherein a ~~total~~ second number of stored pages to be assembled into the first book is less than the first number;

(~~E~~) determining whether a stored page is to be assembled into the second book based on the second set of pagination information wherein a third number of stored pages to be assembled into the second book is different than the second number and no greater than the first number;

(~~D~~) (F) generating page description language instructions for production of the first and second books in accordance with the first and second sets of pagination information; and

(~~E~~) (G) producing the first and second books in a single press run.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining [step] whether a stored page is to be assembled into the first book comprises the step of analyzing variable information areas of the page.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing press commands directed to production of the first book to determine whether the page is to be assembled into the first book.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of generating a pagination file having data representative of the first set of pagination information.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of deriving a maximum number of pages for the first book based on the pagination information.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination information includes filler page information.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination information includes a specification of whether the page should be forced to one of a right side and a left side of the first book.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of specifying page description language instructions to produce a barcode on the page of the first book.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the barcode is indicative of tracking information.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating page description language instructions comprises the step of generating instructions for production of page numbering information on the page of the first book.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating page description language instructions comprises the step of generating instructions for insertion of filler pages in accordance with the pagination information of the first book.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of delivering page description language instructions to an electronic press to print the first book.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of specifying the first set of pagination information comprises the step of providing a user interface for entry of the pagination information.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, wherein the step of determining whether a stored page is to be assembled into the second book comprises the step of analyzing variable information areas of the page.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, further comprising the step of analyzing press commands directed to production of the second book to determine whether the page is to be assembled into the second book.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, further comprising the step of generating a pagination file having data representative of the second set of pagination information.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, further comprising the step of deriving a maximum number of pages for the second book based on the pagination information.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, wherein the pagination information includes filler page information.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, wherein the pagination information includes a specification of whether the page should be forced to one of a right side and a left side of the second book.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, further comprising the step of specifying page description language instructions to produce a barcode on the page of the second book.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the barcode is indicative of tracking information.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, wherein the step of generating page description language instructions comprises the step of generating instructions for production of page numbering information on the page of the second book.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, wherein the step of generating page description language instructions comprises the step of generating instructions for insertion of filler pages in accordance with the pagination information of the second book.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, further comprising the step of delivering page description language instructions to an electronic press to print the second book.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14] 1, wherein the step of specifying the second set of pagination information comprises the step of providing a user interface for entry of the pagination information.